

Press Release
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Cochin Shipyard delivers the third Fast Patrol Vessel (BY 503) to the Indian Coast Guard

Cochin Shipyard Limited delivered the third of the series of 20 Fast Patrol Vessels being built for the Indian Coast Guard, today. The protocol of delivery was signed by Shri P Vinayakumar , Director (Technical) , on behalf of CSL and commandant designate of BY 503 Raman Kumar of Indian Coast Guard. Shri Ravikumar Roddam, Director (Finance) , CSL, DIG Vivek Vajpayee, Principal Director (Materials), Indian Coast Guard and DIG Sadanandan, CGRPS (Kochi) were present on the occasion. The vessel is named "ABHINAV" and will be operated by the Coast Guard station at Kochi.

2. Cochin Shipyard had signed the contract for the construction of the 20 Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV) for the Indian Coast guard on 20th October 2010. The yard has so far delivered two vessels viz ICGS "Abheek: and "ICGS Aadesh. The first vessel was commissioned on 13th December 2013 and the second on 31 December 2013. Like its sister ships, " ABHINAV" also can move very fast at a speed of 33 knots and will be very effective in supporting the Indian Coast Guard in its anti smuggling, anti piracy operations and fisheries protection and monitoring. Since speed of the vessel will be very crucial in coastal security operations, the superstructure of these ships are made of aluminum. A considerable amount of innovation in welding and fabrication techniques were undertaken by CSL to achieve a very high quality product. It is heartening that the high skilled workforce of the yard has achieved weight control on this ship right through the build process and the difference between the design weight and actual weight was only about 2 tonnes ie a difference of less than 01%.

3. The ship is propelled by water jets and powered by three Main Engines, each of capacity-2720 KW and built to the dual classification requirements of ABS and IRS.

4. Apart from the 20 Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard, the yard is also constructing the most prestigious warship of the nation, the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier , 2 Offshore Support Vessels for international owners and one Buoy Tender Vessel for Directorate of Light Houses and Light Ships.

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